

W.T. McFarlane Building
123 S. Federal Avenue
Mason City
Cerro Gordo County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-128

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE IWA	COUNTY CERRO GORDO	TOWN OR VICINITY MASON CITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) W.T. McFARLANE BUILDING		HABS NO. IA-128
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 123 South Federal Avenue. Prior to street renamings in 1916, the address of the building was 223 South Main Street.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1912 (Source: date stone)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The building, developed by W.T. McFarlane, was built during a booming construction period in Mason City. The building is of eclectic design featuring classically inspired ornamentation.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick throughout. The wood floors are supported by clear-span 2" X 12" wood joists at 12 inches-on-center.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The building is two stories high with a basement and measures approximately 20' X 100'.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The brick walls are accented with a water table, sills and stone trim and decorated with terra-cotta ornamentation.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Wall and ceiling finishes of plaster predominate.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The ground floor storefront was modernized in 1970 and again altered in 1972.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Demolished 1978 in accordance with the redevelopment plan for the City of Mason City.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The project was the result of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Iowa State Preservation Officer and the City of Mason City, Iowa, in compliance with Executive Order as a mitigative effort in the redevelopment plan.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) See page 2		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Ronald Schmitt, architect, Environmental Planning and Research, Inc.,		DATE 1977; 1982

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